

CORBETT KNOWS NEWS.

The Californian Tells How the Journal Got an Exclusive Story.

ITS MEN ON THE SPOT.

Further Details of the Celebrated Roadside Meeting of Wednesday with Fitzsimmons.

WAILS OF THE UNFORTUNATE

The Correspondents Who Did Not Learn of the Happening, Reproach Corbett in Their Grief.

By James J. Corbett. (Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst.) Training Quarters, Shaw's Springs, Carson, Nev., March 11.

—There is great excitement among the newspaper men in Carson over the scoop which the Journal scored on its rivals yesterday, growing out of the meeting between Fitzsimmons and myself on the penitentiary road in the forenoon. There are wars and rumors of wars, but the simple truth is that the meeting took place, and that when it did take place the Journal was represented, as it is in connection with every move I make and have made since I came here to train. The facts are these:

I have been in the habit of walking to Empire for my morning's walk. The accounts of the Carson footprints which had been brought to me by visitors to the penitentiary caused me to vary my practice yesterday, and I walked in that direction instead. I was accompanied by Jeffries, J. C. Ryan, the Chicago sprinter and horseman, and a friend from San Francisco. Wanted to Look at Fitz.

We had not gone very far along the road when, on turning to call my collie, I noticed Fitzsimmons, another man and the dog Yarrum trudging along in our direction. I called the attention of my companions to the party in the rear with the remark that I would like to take a look at Fitzsimmons. To this my San Francisco friend entered a mild protest, saying:

"I wouldn't do it, Jim. Something unpleasant might happen."

I answered: "Oh, I wouldn't say a word; but I just want to take a look at him."

When Fitzsimmons and his friend got very close to me the latter said: "Good morning, gents."

What Fitzsimmons Said.

Fitzsimmons said, "Good morning, everybody. Good morning, Jim." As he said this he extended his hand toward me with a sort of a smile on his face, and I refused, for the reasons given in my statement yesterday, to take his hand. In the afternoon a reporter of a New York paper and one from a Boston paper, in conversation with me as to where I had been in the forenoon, asked me if I had seen Fitzsimmons in my walk. My answer to both of them was the same, that I had not seen Fitzsimmons, for I at once saw that neither of them had any intimation whatever of what transpired on the road, and that they were both simply taking a shot at the moon. I have no apologies to make for this departure from the truth.

It Was the Journal's Story.

The Journal, with which I have a contract for exclusive features, had, as a result of carefully covering every detail of this fight in a masterly way, got the great story, and I had given my word to preserve it from their rivals. This I did.

To-day I gave a statement to the reporter of the New York paper, setting forth the facts so far as they relate to him.

A silly story has been put in circulation to-day that the Journal had paid me a sum of money to meet Fitzsimmons on the road. This is false. The meeting happened in the manner and under the circumstances that I have described, and not otherwise, and how the Journal could keep the other gentlemen of the press in their hotels while the incident in question was occurring on a public road at 11 o'clock in the day is something I am unable to understand. And this is more especially perplexing when it is considered that the fact of my going to the State Penitentiary yesterday had been announced in the press.

BETTING ON THE FIGHT.

Admirers of the Champions Continue to Put Money on the Event.

Chicago, March 11.—At Chapin & Gore's—Harry Hughes bet George Ballard \$100 to \$150 on Fitzsimmons. At Powers & O'Brien's—Senator Coolman bet \$500 to \$400 with Ed Fleming on Corbett.

St. Louis, March 11.—Betting on the big fight is slow here. Three days ago a few bets were placed at 7 to 5 on Corbett, but now 6 to 5 has no takers. At the "Brooklyn" pool room an offer of \$1,200 to \$1,000 on Corbett has stood on the blackboard for four days without acceptance. Fitzsimmons stick is improving, and it is believed even money will be the figure here on the 17th.

Corbett Men Hedging.

Boston, Mass., March 11.—Very little Corbett money could be found here to-day, as the Fitzsimmons men want to bet at 8 to 10. At these odds Gus Meyers placed \$400 against \$500. Jimmy Colville, a strong Corbett man, also placed about \$200 on Corbett at 8 to 10. Several Corbett men switched to Fitzsimmons to-day. They give no reason.

A Dreadful Threat to Stop the Fight.

Carson City, Nev., March 11.—Fifty correspondents here have made compact to work together and do the Journal up. They have openly threatened Stuart that they will kill the fight if he does not agree to keep us out of the arena during the fight. They dog us and spy on us everywhere. It is the Journal against the whole country. They have threatened to roast Fitzsimmons and Corbett for the next ten years. They have alternately bullied and fawned on trainers and servants, and tried to steal our copy from our own messengers. T. T. WILLIAMS.

RECENT BETTING ON THE BIG FIGHT.

Fred Taval—\$800 to \$640 with Lon Maynard on Corbett. Warren Lewis—\$500 to \$350 on Corbett with Frank O'Reilly. Ed. G. Gilmore—\$400 on Corbett to \$480, with Tony Pastor. Pete Downing—\$1,000 to \$750 on Corbett with a prominent politician at the Morton House. "Al" Powell—\$300 to \$240 on Corbett with Frank Abraham. James C. Kennedy—\$500 to \$400 on Corbett with Eddie Bald. Ike Thompson—\$1,500 to \$1,200 on Corbett with three business men. Leo Mayer—\$200 to \$160 on Corbett with Ridge Levin.



CORBETT WITH HIS WIFE, BROTHER AND SISTER AT SHAW'S SPRINGS.

(From a photograph taken expressly for the Journal by Bushnell, of San Francisco.)

THE REFEREE'S ACTION.

How It Strikes the New York Sporting World. Something about Siler.

The action of Referee Siler in instructing Corbett and Fitzsimmons on his interpretation of the Queensberry rules has caused considerable comment in sporting circles as to the correctness of Siler's idea. It seems to be the general impression that a referee should neither meddle, consult nor advise with the principals of a big battle until they enter the ring for the fray, as such action very often is the cause of many false and alarming rumors in connection with a contest.

There are a number of men in the sporting set of this city who have received this fighting situation with alarm for the last three weeks, their disgust being due to the fact that a certain set offers to wager a hundred thousand dollars on Fitzsimmons and has forced his price from 10 to 8, up to 10 to 5 and 9 and even money in some instances.

While the views of Mr. Siler, as referee, may not be acceptable to many, there is no rule except that of custom that forbids him as the chief magistrate of the fight to acquiesce both men days, weeks or months ahead of a contest how he construes the rules and how he intends that the principals shall live up to them.

Then again the very fact that Siler desires to familiarize both Corbett and Fitzsimmons on fouls, breakaways and one arm free hitting should be proof positive that his every intention is honest and that his great desire is to see both these great fighters put up the cleanest as well as the manliest fight in the history of pugilism. It is worth mentioning that he is a poor man, but as honest as a newly coined dollar. He has been tested and found square. He is or was a New York boy, and a boxer of no mean ability, but took Horace Greeley's advice and wandered westward, settling in Chicago many years ago, and connected himself with the large daily papers of that city as a sporting writer.

The inference that the gamblers may con-

trol Corbett sufficiently to induce him to lay down to Fitz would say this is the wildest and most nonsensical rumor of the whole age, especially when Corbett can easily earn \$150,000 within one year if he wins, and if he should attempt a "fake laydown" he would be in great danger of personal harm.

NEW YORKERS AT CARSON.

The Representation from This City at the Ring-side Will Be Small.

New York sporting men will not be numerous at the ring side next Wednesday morning, when Corbett and Fitzsimmons jump over the ropes to engage in the greatest of all world's championship contests. Some weeks ago it was expected that fully 300 would be the New York quota, which would take the journey to Carson City, but the many dispatches telling about the heavy snow storms and poor accommodations with the high charges, as well as the stories that pneumonia and consumption were flirting with many of the visitors, had a dampening effect on the spirits of those who had been preparing for the trip.

There will be fewer than fifty New Yorkers at the ring side, and one-quarter of those will be press correspondents. The seven large parties that were to have gone from this city and Brooklyn under the guidance of Jimmy Wakely, Joe Vaudig, Johnny Ryan and others have not been made up, and now those who are bound to see the fight departed in ones and twos for Chicago, where Vere Davis and Michael Hogan are arranging to take two large vestibule trains to the Great Basin District.

Jack McAuliffe and a well-known Brooklyn lawyer slipped out of town Tuesday for Carson. John Colyer, Jack McGowan, Jr., "Yank" Sullivan and his party of six left yesterday. Johnny Eckhardt will take twenty Brooklyn men in a private car this afternoon, and Warren Lewis, his son Monte and a few of his intimates will be on their way before nightfall.

FITZ'S DAILY WORD.

He Discusses Courtesy of the Road, Rules and Training.

By Robert Fitzsimmons.

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Considerable has been said of late about the rules that have been thus far mapped out and amended by Mr. Siler pending the adoption. As there are many things to discuss in that connection, Mr. Julian, my representative, has decided to submit the matters involved to a conference consisting of Mr. Siler, a representative of Mr. Corbett, Mr. Julian and Dan Stuart. The questions can be disposed of then, and I have no doubt that they can be satisfactorily arranged to meet emergencies. About my meeting with Corbett, when I offered him the ordinary cour-

tesy of a handshake and he showed his ill-breeding by declining to take it, I have received a number of communications. Some people seem to think that I was wrong to show any courtesy at all to a man I despise for his many mean and contemptible acts. I want to say to those people that when I was a boy at school I read a story about a man called Lord Chesterfield, who said he was surprised to see him touch his hat in a public street to a man who had a very bad reputation. Well, the lord says to his friend: "The fellow touched his hat to me as I was passing, and you don't suppose that Lord Chesterfield was going to be outdone in politeness by the biggest blackguard in the country."

I want to get myself accustomed to the morning work, so that if the fight comes off before noon I shall be ready for it. And, in line with reversing my training system, I put in the entire morning doing the hardest kind of work. To begin with I covered ten miles on the pike and stepped it off at a good clip, returning to my quarters at 10 o'clock. After a thorough rub down I went into the gymnasium, sparred ten rounds with the bag, four hard-fought rounds with my trainer and put it on to Hickey good and hard. We went at it without throwing any force and finished with something a little harder than play. At the conclusion of my indoor work I again rubbed down and got on my feet feeling in magnificent fettle. In the afternoon I ran in to Carson beside my wife's carriage and returned the same way.

TO PICTURE THE FRAY.

Mr. Rector Will Take Kinetoscopic Shots at the Engagement.

Carson, Nev., March 11.—E. J. Rector, of New York, the man who is to take kinetoscopic shots of the fight, arrived to-day with his apparatus. Mr. Rector says he has sufficient equipment with him to take the scene in duplicate. He says that the machines he carries are owned by a New York corporation, and that Stuart, Corbett and Fitzsimmons have no share of the property rights. According to Rector the photographing of the fight will be purely experimental, as the cameras he is to use are practically untried. They will make the figures appear four times larger than the ordinary kinetoscope does. If the experiment is a success Stuart will be paid a lump sum of money, and Rector says he supposes Stuart will hand over a portion of the amount to the fighters.

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THE FIGHTERS AND THE NEW KING RULES.

The Referee Elaborates on His Letter to the Principals in the Fight.

HIS CHANGES PROPER.

Can See No Ground for Valid Objection on the Part of Fitz or His Friends.

By George Siler, Referee.

(Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst.) Carson, Nev., March 11.—I expected to receive direct word from Fitz and Corbett to-day regarding my interpretation of some of the rules laid down by the Marquis of Queensberry and my instructions to the principals regarding the coming contest. I have, however, heard nothing from them.

"We will fight," he said, "under the same interpretation of Queensberry rules that prevailed when Corbett became champion by defeating Sullivan. There was no hitting in the breakaway, both men losing clean from the clinch and not attempting to punch. Siler's Distinction Incorrect. "Siler makes a false distinction between a clinch and a hug. He seems to think that if you grab a man with one arm only it is not a hug. I wonder if he ever heard of the fellow that drove with one hand and hugged his girl with the other. Julian looked up the dictionary to-day. In Webster it says in the fourth definition: 'To hug, to grip in wrestling or scuffling.' It also says the sense is 'to press.' "If I put my arm around his neck like this" (illustrating by grabbing my neck), "I could twist it nearly off, and, according to Siler's interpretation, that would only be a clinch, and not illegal. Under London rules it would be a good thing to get a man's head in chancery and smash his face in. What I claim is fair: If he grabs me and I don't grab, I have a right to hit as much as I can. If I grab him back and make a hug or clinch of it, I have no right to hit, but must break away clean as soon as the referee gives the order.

The English Plan.

"In England at clubs the referee does not enter the ring, never tries to force the men apart, but if they don't obey his orders to break he disqualifies them after cautioning. Now they say it would not do for a referee to try that here; that in a championship fight the people would not stand any decision of a technical foul. Ten thousand people stood that when I knocked out Sharkey. Some said that the foul, if it really was made, might have hurt Sharkey. How do they know? How did the referee know? How did he try to find out? He never made any examination before he gave his decision. Therefore, the danger of giving a referee too much power to decide about the quality of a foul. "If a man hit me foul I might not want to give away the fact I was hurt, for in case the referee did not give me the fact it would be a tip to the other fighter where to hit again. Then the referee might say, 'You weren't hurt, I did not see you wince and put your hand there.' Also at a slight foul I might fake and pretend to be hurt very much, and go limping around and have people pity me and cheer at the referee. Why not stick to the rules and rather make all fouls foul or go back to London rules that allowed wrestling and any old thing except kicking? "Well, I won't agree to anything about hitting in clinches," said Julian.

In Stelzer's Experience.

Jack Stelzer chimed in with "I've had a few fights myself, and the referee always made the men break away clean. Why is Corbett protesting that he doesn't want to hit in the breakaway with McVey? Why, any one can see him at that all the time." Fitzsimmons took up the story again: "You can't hold a man with one hand and sling him with the other," he said. "There never was such a rule as that, and the Marquis of Queensberry made his rules to stop that sort of work. Maybe it is as fair for one as the other, and perhaps I'm as good at that game as the other fellow, but here's my fix. He's playing himself for a dandy swell gentleman and me for a rough blacksmith with nothing but strength.

Fears a Partial Crowd.

"If I should do any rough work in a clinch, his friends would make an awful howl, and the referee would be jumped all over if he did not give him the fight. Anything he might do to me would be all right. It would be like a kick. The man who had friends at a scrap. When he was down the crowd wanted fair play, and picked him up. When the other fellow was down, the cry was, 'Kick the fellow out of him.' I'm going to fight as I signed for. I'm going to fight Queensberry rules, just as they were interpreted for Corbett when he fought Sullivan, and as I fight had to fight under all the time. They can't make me go back on that, and they can't make any changes that I have not got an equity about."

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T. T. WILLIAMS.

Fitzsimmons Will Stick for the Old Interpretation of the Code of Fight Law.

THINKS SILER IS WRONG.

Will Insist on Providing Clean "Breakaways" and No Punching in a Clinch or Hug.

Carson, Nev., March 11.—Rules were discussed at Cook's Ranch to-day. Siler intended to go out and talk to Fitzsimmons or Julian, but Dan Stuart thought it wiser and better to have all the discussion take place at the conference to be held between Siler and the representatives of the fighters, at which Stuart would be present. Julian agreed to this, as it was what he wanted from the first, and the conference will probably be held to-morrow. Fitzsimmons gave his views, which will probably be what will prevail, as he is in no mood to have any change made that he does not like nor interpretation used that has not been used before.

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Corbett Calls a Halt on Further Consideration of the Referee's Proposition.

WILL WAIT FOR FITZ.

He Understands That the Cornishman Has Objections and Wishes to Learn Them.

Carson, Nev., March 11.—Corbett has called a halt in the consideration of Siler's interpretation of the Queensberry rules. "As I told you yesterday," said he, "it was my intention to study over the matter and state definitely to-day whether Siler's pronouncement was or was not satisfactory to me. I heard last evening, however, that Fitzsimmons was kicking over the matter, and I determined to go no further for the time being. Billy Delaney returned last night. He said he heard that Fitzsimmons was objecting with both hands. Now I'm going to wait until I hear what it is that Fitzsimmons objects to. I understand that Siler is to call on him to find out just how the thing stands. If Fitzsimmons's demands are any way reasonable I will meet him half way, for I do not want any trouble over the rules. "I am not in favor of a conference," he continued. "The Queensberry rules are in black and white, and I don't see that we should get together to pass upon them. So far as Siler's interpretation goes, I see nothing to object to. The only chance for a kick that I can see is about the hitting in the breakaway, and, to my way of thinking, Siler's instructions on that point should prevail. I know that men agree not to hit when breaking, and I also know that they break the rule every time. Sullivan punched me after making the agreement, and I punched him back, and it is the same way in every fight.

In the Jackson Fight They Punched.

"The Jackson fight was one in which we lived up to our agreement. We decided to punch in the breakaway. I came about this way: Just before we went into the ring Referee Hiram Cook called us into one of the rooms of the California Club and read the rules to us. He then asked us what we intended to do in the clinches. "Will you drop your arms and step back without hitting, or how?" asked Cook. "Jackson said that he was not particular and that he would let me decide. 'All right,' I said, 'let us take a punch at each other when we are breaking.' Jackson looked surprised. He didn't suppose that I would agree to fight under those conditions, but that was the way we fought and there were no complaints. "There was no variation in Corbett's routine to-day. He walked to Empire and back in the morning, and in the afternoon he put in a couple of hours at hand ball, box punching and boxing. He is keeping himself free from chills and small ailments and is counting the hours until St. Patrick's Day arrives. W. W. NAUGHTON.

Stanton's Resignation Accepted.

Albany, March 11.—The resignation of Lieutenant William H. Stanton, of the First Naval Battalion of New York, growing out of which came a talk of a discharge in that command has been heard, was accepted by Adjutant-General Tillgham to-day. Lieutenant Stanton formerly served in the United States Marine Corps.

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with the wo-

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will always linger in

a man's mind. It is

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quently this is the case. A woman cannot

be a happy, helpful amiable wife who

suffers from weakness and disease at the

very mainsprings of her nature. Pity

may grow up to take its place, but love

itself seldom survives where this is the

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